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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jeffrey J. Parker, 28, of Madison, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court to 24 years in prison, to be followed by a five-year term of supervised release, for possessing over 50 grams of crack cocaine with intent to distribute.

On July 8, 2005, Parker was the victim of an attempted homicide that occurred during a planned drug transaction at 6320 Allison Lane, Town of Madison. After being shot, Parker instructed the other occupants of the residence to remove 55 grams of crack cocaine which he had hidden underneath the oven. Police recovered the crack cocaine from an occupant of the residence when she was questioned about the shooting. Parker admitted at his plea hearing that the crack cocaine belonged to him and that he intended to re-sell it. The individuals responsible for the attempted homicide of Parker have been successfully prosecuted by the Dane County District Attorney's Office.

At sentencing, Judge Shabaz noted that Parker had not been deterred by the near-fatal shooting because the police used an informant to purchase crack cocaine from him only four months after his release from the hospital.

The charges against Parker are the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force.

Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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